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Section A: National Data System Coding

Transmission Code			NPHES	VitalFlow	Interaction Type	Indicator	Fan Type
1 [N]	2 [S]	3 [N][O][I][P][E][R][M][I][T]	11	12 [0][3][0][7][2][5]	17	18 [W]	19 [S] 20 [SIC 2061]
Remarks							
21							66
Reserved		Facility Evaluation Rating		BI	QA	-----Reserved-----	
67	[] [] []	70	[]	71	[]	72	[]
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Name and Location of Facility Inspected UINTAH COUNTY ASPHALT PLANT, ASPHALT RIDGE, VERNAL, UTAH		Entry Time 1:00 P.M.	Permit Effective Date NO PERMIT
		Exit Time/Date 2:00 P.M./JULY 23, 2003	Permit Expiration Date NO PERMIT
Name(s) of On-Site Representative(s) JIM ABBEGLEN PAUL FELTCH		Title(s) UINTAH COUNTY COMMISSIONER UINTAH COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDANT	Phone No(s) (435) 781-5380 (435) 788-1070
Name, Address of Responsible Official JIM ABBEGLEN 162 EAST 100 NORTH VERNAL, UT 84078		Title(s) UINTAH COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
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U	Permit	N	Flow Measurement	N	Pretreatment	N	Operations & Maintenance
N	Records/Reports	N	Laboratory	N	Compliance Schedules	N	Sludge Disposal
M	Facility Site Review	N	Effluent/Receiving Water	N	Self-Monitoring Program	N	Other:

SEE ATTACHED

Name(s) and Signature(s) of Inspector(s) THOMAS RUSHING, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST 	Agency/Office/Telephone DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY/DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY (801) 538-6951	Date 7-25-03
Signature of Reviewer GAYLE SMITH, P.E., MANAGER 	Agency/Office DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY/DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY (801) 538-6778	Date 7/25/03

Action Taken	Date	Compliance Status
		Noncompliance
		Compliance

**UINTAH COUNTY
ASPHALT PLANT, ASPHALT RIDGE
RECONNAISSANCE INSPECTION**

INSPECTION DATE JULY 23, 2003

PROJECT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Uintah County Asphalt Plant (plant) is located just outside of the City of Vernal in Uintah County, Utah (overview Fig 1.). The plant is located on land owned by Crown Energy (Facility Photo Fig 2.) and leased by Uintah County. Uintah County is actively mixing asphalt with gravel at the site, as per Federal and State regulations this is considered an asphalt manufacturing facility. The area has historically drained storm water in sheet and gully flow. When Crown Energy built their plant and the associated roads there was not an objective to maintain the natural drainage.

This inspection was prompted by a letter from LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & McRae, LLP (LLGM), addressed to Uintah County and Carbon Copied to the Utah Department of Environmental Quality. LLGM was contracted by "The Haws Family Trust" to incite action against Uintah County for alleged violations of the Clean Water Act and for personal property damage. "The Haws Family Trust" owns the land below (down gradient of) the plant.

FINDINGS

1. The Uintah County Asphalt Plant at Asphalt Ridge falls under the Standard Industrial Classification No. 2951 and is considered an asphalt manufacturing facility.
2. Uintah County is required to obtain coverage under the Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (UPDES) Multi-Sector General Permit for Industrial Activities, General Permit No. UTR000000. A separate letter was sent Uintah County on July 17, 2003 providing them with a copy of the permit and "Notice of Intent" form to be covered under the permit. The letter gives Uintah County 30 calendar days to obtain coverage under the permit in compliance with State rules and regulations from the date of receipt.
3. The area below the asphalt plant was visually inspected for evidence of asphalt material that was transported offsite by storm water. There was no evidence of transported material.
4. It was observed that there was a potential for the discharge of contaminated storm water from the site particularly from the front gate area. The option of containing potentially contaminated storm water in retention ponds onsite was discussed. Uintah County will consider putting together specifications for the construction of onsite retention ponds. Construction plans for wastewater retention ponds require review and approval by the Division of Water Quality.

CONCLUSION

Uintah County has agreed to put together a storm water pollution prevention plan and submit a notice of intent for coverage under UPDES permit no. UTR000000 within 30 days of the receipt of the letter sent by the Division of Water Quality on July 17, 2003.